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SAMORUKOV LIKES IT". TREPYKHALIN SAID HE WOULD ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF OFFICIAL SOVIET COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FYI. JAN 30 MEETING WITH MARSHALL SHULMAN, SAMORUKOV EMPHASIZED THAT SOVIETS WERE MAKING CONSIDERABLE CONCESSION BY APPROVING PAN AM CHARTER PROGRAM "FOR FIRST TIME DURING SUMMER SEASON". HE VOICED CONCERN THAT DEPARTMENT DRAFT MIGHT CALL UPON AEROFLOT ALONE TO CORRECT CIVIL AVIATION PROBLEMS, THAT WORDING ON WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT MIGHT COMMIT SOVIET ACCEPTANCE REGARDLESS OF FREQUENCY LEVELS, THAT DRAFT MIGHT GO BEYOND RENEWAL OF ORAL MINUTE TO ENSURE CHARTER PROGRAMS. END FYI.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY ANALYSIS OF US PROPOSAL AS OUTLINED IN REF A. PROBLEM POSED PARA 1, REF B WAS MOST CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND, IN THE END, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THERE WAS NO VALID REASON FOR NOT APPLYING THE BROAD PRINCIPLES OF ADMINISTRATION NEW INTERNATIONAL AVIATION POLICY TO USSR, EVEN THOUGH DETAILS MIGHT DIFFER FROM OTHER BILATERAL SITUATIONS. IN BROAD TERMS, OUR CURRENT AVIATION POLICY CALLS FOR VIEWING SCHEDULED AND CHARTER AIR SERVICES AS PARTS OF AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM, BOTH OF WHICH MUST BE ADDRESSED TOGETHER. IN PARTICULAR CASE OF USSR, PAN AM HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO COMPETE EFFECTIVELY WITH AEROFLOT ON SCHEDULED SERVICES BUT IT CLEARLY CAN IN CHARTER AREA. A TRADE WHICH CONTINUES TO GIVE AEROFLOT ADVANTAGE IN FORMER AREA BUT US AIRLINES ADVANTAGE IN LATTER IS ONE WHICH WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT EVEN IN FUTURE.

4. SUGGESTIONS MADE PARAS 3 AND 4, REF B HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN FINAL DRAFT INsofar AS POSSIBLE. VANCE

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